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## Vaccine E-Letter # 267

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### **Planning for School Immunizations**

Most kindergartens will pre-register students in March. Providers that provide immunizations for pre-school and Kindergarten and are on the quarterly ordering cycle will need to order enough vaccine in February to prepare for the back-to-school immunization rush.

Providers who order on a quarterly basis should also plan to order enough vaccine for children needing immunizations before starting back to school in May.

#### The Vaccine Ordering Cycle is:

Feb = Monthly & Quarterly  
March = Monthly & Bi-Monthly  
April= Monthly Only  
May = Monthly, Bi-Monthly & Quarterly  
June= Monthly Only  
July= Monthly & Bi-Monthly  
August= Monthly & Quarterly  
Sept = Monthly & Bi-Monthly

### **Current Version of the Pink Book Available On-Line from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

The current version of *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* (The Pink Book, 10<sup>th</sup> ed., January 2007) published by the National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available for free download or may be ordered from the CDC website for \$35 each at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/default.htm>.

The Pink Book provides physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and others with the most comprehensive information on vaccine-preventable diseases.

### **Returning Vaccine to McKesson**

Vaccines For Children (VFC) providers should **not** return vaccine to the General Injectables (GIV) warehouse. The VFC program has used a new warehouse since June of last year. To obtain a current return form, please contact Judy or Laura at 800-701-0704.

### **Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Informational Sessions**

NEW THIS YEAR! CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice. The agenda includes A) What is CHIRP; B) Benefits of using CHIRP; C) CHIRP's role in State Funded vaccine; and D) How to enroll in CHIRP.

January 31, 2008  
1:00pm – 2:30pm EST  
Mary Margaret Hospital – Ripley County  
321 Mitchell Avenue  
Batesville, IN 47006

### **CHIRP User Group Meeting – For *Current* CHIRP Users**

This session is designed for CURRENT CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage. The agenda includes A) System Status; B) Current Issues; C) Upcoming Changes; D) Training – State Funded vaccine management and eligibility; E) Monitoring Data Quality; and F) Questions/Answers

*Call (888) 227-4439 or go to CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.*  
January 31, 2008  
9:30AM – 11:30 EST  
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321 Mitchell Avenue  
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### **CHIRP TIP**

CHIRP Reminder/Recall allows you to use various forms of contact including e-mail, customized postcards, pre-printed postcards, labels, and autodialer. Postcards with postage will be available again beginning February 1, 2008 by calling the CHIRP Helpdesk at 888.227.4439.

### **Contact Us**

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:  
[Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov) or 800-701-0704.